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E.O. Wilson Wins D. Sc. in One Year at M.I.T.

Has Returned to Lead the Special Geramics Work of Yenching Department of Chemistry

Dr. Earl O. Wilson, of the Chemistry Department, Mrs. Wilson and their children, have returned to Yenching after a year's leave of absence spent in the United States. Dr. Wilson spent most of his time in Boston at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He was engaged in doing research work on problems concerning the plasticity of finely ground minerals with water. Though this has been worked on by many other scientists, Dr. Wilson approached the problem from a different angle, correlating the relationship between the atomic structure of the crystals and their plasticity. As a result of his nine months' research on this problem, Dr. Wilson received in June the degree of Doctor of Science.

The Wilson family spent most of their time in Auburndale, Massachusetts, and on their return to China passed through East Liverpool, Ohio, where Dr. Wilson had an opportunity to inspect the large pottery industry of that area.

During his absence, the ceramic experiments begun by Dr. Wilson at Yenching have been continuing, and much progress has been made in the analysis of the various types of clays and glazes found at Peng Cheng.

The results of chemical analyses and physical tests made on these materials seem to point to the clays and glazes found at Peng Cheng as being better adapted for use in stoneware industries than in the porcelain industries.

Further experiments are being carried on by Dr. Wilson and his assistants, which will enable the department to secure more conclusive results as to the exact usefulness and application of these clays and glazes. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson are living in their former residence at No. 16, Lang Jun Yuan.

Student Dramatists To Meet

The Yenta Chinese Dramatic Club will meet next Friday to elect new officers, and to discuss plans for a presentation of Chinese plays, the proceeds to go to toward flood relief. Students interested in Chinese drama are urged to join.

Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Rugh

A garden-party reception to meet Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rugh was held last Saturday night by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Price and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rugh at the home of the latter, 63 Yen Nan Yuan.

Sounding Stone, Chorus's Gift To Wiant, Is Rare Colored Jade, He Writes

"We have rented a house right in the the suburb of Arlington, just next to Cambridge.....I have registered for a Master's degree. The residence work I finished before and now have only a thesis. I hope to do something with Chinese music". So wrote Mr. Bliss Wiant of the Department of Music, now on furlough, in a recent letter to Miss Ruth Stahl, head of the department.

Beside trying for his M. A. degree, Wiant will offer a series of lectures before many groups. "For the last four Sundays, I've been speaking, sometimes on our work and sometimes in the evenings on Chinese music—exhibiting my instruments. They never fail to get interest aroused. I had the sounding stone examined by a scientist... It is jade and a rare colored one with a very fine texture. I am surely proud of it and shall have it all my life as a token of affection from my beloved chorus."

Cecilia, Waint's little daughter who was stricken with infantile paralysis a few years' back, has been placed in a hospital in Elyria for treatment on her partly paralyzed leg, wrote Mr. Wiaht.

"Leighton had his tonsils and adenoids removed here a week ago. He is OK now and we hope he'll fatten up and be a more normal fellow from now on." Leighton is his second son and named after President J. Leighton Stuart.

Yenta and Cantonese Team Meet in Volleyball Tonight

A volleyball game between Yenching and a Cantonese team, Yueh Hwa, from Peiping, will be played at the Warner Gymnasium starting at 7:30 o'clock tonight An admission fee of twenty cents will be charged, to help defray transportation expense of the Peiping team to and from Yenching and for buying of uniforms of Yenta's team.

Gideon Chen Writes From Japan to Dr. Stuart Of Plans For Furlough Year

Giden Ch'en, last year's head of the Department of Economics, now on furlough in Japan, recently wrote back to Dr. Stuart of his general plans for his year's work there.

He has moved to the Japanese City Y.M.C.A. in Tokyo and has begun research work at the Morrison Library, where he intends to spend most of his time. He also hopes to interview professors of Japanese economic history and to visit various economic institutions. In late autumn, he hopes to travel to the western part of Japan, and thence to Formosa to see the forty-years' Japanese-rule exhibition. If conditions allow, he would like to return by way of Korea and Manchuria.

In Japan, Mr. Ch'en has met many Yenching Alumni, including Hsiao Wen-an, now doing work at the Imperial University, and treated as a member of their research staff; Chao Hsi-lin, newly graduated from Yenching's Dep't. of Chemistry, who hopes to do industrial chemistry work at the Imperial University next spring; and Mrs. Yu Lan-hua, the speaker in behalf of the "elder sisters" in the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Women's College last spring.

Singles and Doubles Stars Begin Tourney Next Week

The autumn open tennis tournament, both singles and doubles, will start next week, announces the Dep't. of Phy. Ed. Entries should be made before Sunday, Sept. 29.

All matches should start at 4:30 p.m. No postponements are allowed unless for rain, in which case, the match must be played on the first Saturday following the date of postonement.

Balls and umpires must be furnished by contestants.

Lo Hsiao-chien is favorite to cop the singles title, but a few others may make trouble for him.

Stuart Distinguishes Modern From Foreign

Fusion of East and West in Yenta Prepares Students For More Intelligent Patriotism

Is "foreign" synonymous with "modern"? Dr, J. S. Stuart answered, "Not necessarily", in his address to the Yenching community this morning at the assembly held in Bashford Auditorium.

One of the criticisms against Yenching University is that it is too foreignized, he said. It is difficult, however, to analyze what is or is not "foreign" in present-day China, Dr. Stuart argued. For instance, in communications, are railways, motor roads and cars, airplanes, telegraph, wireless, etc. foreign or merely modern? So with food, clothes, amusements, political or social theories, and almost everything that affects the life of educated people. There should be a distinction between the strictly indigenous in contrast with "foreign" culture, and "modern" as against earlier customs and methods.

Yenching aims to give all the benefits of undergraduate study abroad while fusing this with Chinese studies and emphases. Its foreign relationships ought to aid in fitting its students to have a broader training and thus better qualified to help in progressive enterprises as well as to be more intelligently patriotic because of their international outlook.

The essential aim in which all of us are alike interested is how the University can contribute most to China's welfare, Dr. Stuart pointed out. Students trained in China but with understanding of foreign ways have their own distinctive preparation for such service. This is why we try in everything from our architecture to our academic requirements to maintain a fusion of cultures.

Soph Flood Relief Drives Among Newcomers Not \$65

A sum of \$65.80 was solicited in the flood relief campaign sponsored by the 1938 Club, it was revealed during the second meeting of the Executive Committee of that class held last Tuesday evening, at Sage Hall.

It may be recalled that before the opening of the university every new comer was requested to donate a minimum amount of 20% to the flood relief. Over forty-seven dollars was collected from the new men students, while the rest came from the new coeds. This sum will be handed soon to the *Ta Kung Pao* in Tientsin, an agent of the Flood Relief Committee.

Two members of the committee, Mr. Hsu Ping-cheng and Miss Wang K'e-ch'ing, tendered resignations from their respective posts. Their resignations were accepted by the Club.

T'ang Yun Shou led the meeting Others present were: Misses Chen San-su, Li Jui-yi, and Fan Chi, and Messrs. Ts'ai Nien-su, Liu Wentsing, Chen Yu-jen, and Wang Wenpin.

Yenta Calendar

Today, Tuesday

4:00 p.m. Faculty Executive Committee Conference Room

7.30 p.m. Volley-ball match-Yenta vs. Yueh-hua

Warner Gymnasium

Miss Hancock

Miss Wood

Wednesday, Sept. 25

8:55 a.m. Ninde Chapel

8:55 a.m. Sage Chapel

Mr. Wolferz

Mrs. Breece

4:15 p.m. Meeting of Loans, Scholarships, and Self-help Committee
Conference Room

Thursday, Sept. 26

8:55 a.m. Ninde Chapel Music
8:55 a.m. Sage Chapel Mr. Ch'iu Yiin-hsi
6:45 p.m. Practice of Yenta Chorus Sage

Friday, Sept. 27

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The Annotator

Whether the cup is won or lost, I shall get more satisfaction out of the annual inter-club tennis this fall because Yenching has been adhering to a policy of playing more men than the permitted minimum. We are thus making tangible demonstration of aspirations toward play for its own sake by the many as against emphasis upon competition among stars with the (usually resulting) undue importance attached to victory.

It May Cost Us the Cup

Each year Yenching's representative has led efforts for a rule forbidding duplication of players, thus requiring use of seven men. The rule has been adopted each year by the committee and then rescinded later when one or more clubs threatened to withdraw. There is force, of course, in the argument that more teams in a tournament means more play for more men, even with duplications, than would a few entries without duplication.

A compromise was effected this year by which each team is required to play not less than five men in each match. We were plausibly open to the suspicion of seeking a favorable handicap for ourselves since Yenching has a remarkable number of good second-raters available, one of whom I am doubtless which. It was desirable that we find ways of disarming this criticism.

A Method of Proving Sincerity

The best way we could do so, undoubtedly, was to permit no duplications on our team, whatever the others did. Given the human eagerness to win, however, it is not easy to enter weaker men when almost certain winners are eligible. We've compromised on the league's compromise by playing at least six men in each match.

Against this policy, it is urged that competition loses meaning and interest unless two teams meet on an

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equal basis. Otherwise we cannor assure opponents of the grade of play they have a right to expect not provide spectators with games which will increase public interest, and therefore participation, in a sport. China, says one group of protagonists, is not yet cursed by an excessive will-to-win; indeed, she needs more of it. It is time to worry about the evils of "star-ism" and "spectator-ism" when they arrive. Our answer is that such evilsonce entrenched are eradicated with great difficulty. It is better to prevent their development.

Nice Little Demonstration Provided

The faculty advisory committee on physical education for men fought this ground over again soon after the season opened. A few days later came a match which seemed to me to point a moral. The visiting team arrived in a lively drizzle of rain but, to our suprise, wanted to play anyway. One could not shake off the unhappy suspicion that this curious penchant for "mud ball" might have some connection with the fact that our best player was on the sick list that day but would doubtless be able to play if the matches were postponed.

That didn't look much like a consuming desire for the best possible play, irrespective of victory. The touted concern for heightened public interest developed by good crowds also seemed absent. A very few spectators sat huddled under umbrellas—surely a rare sight in tennis-dom—while the players slithered their way through the singles. I sat there ashamed of my suspicions as to the real cause of such foolishness until they were

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Why I Hate That Particular Devil

My own intense feelings on the sinfulness of an over-developed "will to victory" probably arise from repugnance at its manifest strength in myself. It broke through self-control in a basketball game with the Tsinghua faculty year before last, and as penance I swore off that sport for life. Another egregious demonstration or so of its continued power such as I put on in the Tsinghua matches Thursday when I assayed unpardonably to be the highly vocal tutor as well as partner of my team-mate, and I shall turn to solitaire golf and tiddlewinks for my recreational exercise. ——V.N.

Faculty Retreat This Week-end

The faculty members of the Yenta Christian Fellowship will hold their retreat this coming weekend, Sept. 28 and 29, at Wofossu Temple. All those attending will pay for their own expenses.

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Miss Burtt in Language School

Miss Lucy M. Burtt of the department of history has leave of absence for this semester from her teaching in order that she may spend the period in language study at the College of Chinese Studies in Peiping. She did not have the usual opportunity for study of Chinese on her first arrival in China some years ago. Miss Burtt is spending from Friday after on to Monday morning each week at her home, 6 Chün Chi Ch'u, Haitien.

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